



August 2024 Sports Booster Club Meeting Minutes

Michele Blake called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm on Wednesday, August 28, 20024.

In attendance: Michele Blake, Antonia Bevington, Cherri Dickinson, Julie Desso, Valerie Lee, Jessica DeLorenzo, Chad Miner, Christina Raymond, Michelle Hagman, Karen Smith, Jerilee Beaudoin, Tanya Kane, Hailey Murphy, Casey Snyder, Andrea Fitzgerald and Barbara Klein

Discussion:

District Social Media Photo Policy for Athletes and Teams

- An email request was made to discontinue posting pictures of student-athletes unless we have approval on file.
- Approval form for photos to be handed out to athletes and then to be given to Courtney to be kept on file. Julie Desso will be putting together this form.
- Membership comments
 - ◆ Would this just be duplicating a form that parents already fill out for students at school?
 - ◆ Will this apply to our Hoosick Falls athletes?
 - ◆ Can we add a photo release to Family ID in the future? Also, we would like to add the approval of sharing contact information with Sports Booster/Team Moms to help simplify the mailing list.
 - ◆ Membership feels strongly that the sharing of pictures of our student-athletes and their individual and team achievements should continue as it is an integral part of building school spirit and promoting our athletic programs.

Discussion of New Banquet Policy and Retraction

- A decision was made in July to move away from traditional sports banquets for individual teams beginning in the 2024-2025 school year. The district stated that difficulty securing event spaces, expenses to the school and individual families, and parent complaints were the driving factors behind the policy change.

- The new banquet policy was retracted and put on hold until next year.
- Mr. Miner can see the value in shifting to this new protocol but does cite the possibility that the seasonal banquets could become too long if we are honoring all sports on all levels in one night.
- Some athletic programs had already secured a space and paid a deposit for the banquets they would be held during the approaching school year. Upon hearing about the new policy the banquets were cancelled which will mean that they will need to be rescheduled.
- There was a consensus that this conversation should be revisited so that a firm decision can be made for next year.

Homecoming

- Homecoming will be held on the weekend of October 25 & 26th this year.
- A minimally stocked concession will be funded by Booster for Volleyball and Football. (except for HOCO concession)
- The Sept. 6th home football concession stand will be funded by Booster. Following the game, any remaining inventory will go inside for volleyball.
- Soccer-suggestion is that donations should be asked for so that 100% of profits can be kept. Team Moms should be talking to coaches to make a plan. Inventory should be labeled.
- Homecoming will have a signup genius so that everything will be donated.
- Typically the pep rally paraphernalia (bandanas, beads etc...) as well as the crowns, sashes, and flowers are paid for by Booster with an estimated cost of about \$1000 each year. Michele will begin to purchase those things now.

Hall of Fame

- Hall of Fame inductions are Homecoming weekend. The school attempts to hold an induction ceremony every other year. Last time Booster paid for all of the plaques and a dinner was held at Franklin Terrace with tickets being paid for by guests except for the inductees, which Booster also covered the cost of.
- Induction will take place in the auditorium and then brunch will take place afterwards with almost every program being covered with honorees.
- With 20 inductees a concern was raised about the cost for all of the plaques.
- Mr. Medved suggested that we have a dedicated space in the lobby with a large plaque with name plates added. The cost would be \$1,066 through Walshes. Would each program donate \$65 and Booster would donate \$75 to help cover?
- Possible pushback- This isn't what parents are fundraising for. However, if it comes out of Booster it is being "taken away" from student-athletes anyway.
- HOF needs to create an acct. to help fund this in the future. Mr. Medved is on board but we need to figure out how to get the ball rolling.
- Seniors- possibly donate \$5 each to help fund the acct as they are going to be new alumni.
- A vote on the topic will be put out to Booster members ASAP.

Fall Sports Balances and Upcoming Fundraisers

- Football- \$621. Raise 360, mums, apparel
- Volleyball- Negative balance. Grill Raffle, dash and dine on 9.8, apparel, mums (grill is in booster room).
- Girl's Soccer-\$139.68. Apparel and mums.
- Boy's Soccer- \$745.96. Car wash, apparel, and mums.
- Cross Country-\$837. Turkey Trot, apparel, mums.
- Cheer- \$1672.07 Krispy Kreme, mums, apparel.
- Golf- \$257.51 Mums.

There are more slots for the Turkey Trot for teams that need it, going to check

Senior Banners

- We have a white backdrop at school so we can take pictures there. No date yet but we will try to do them all in one day. A member suggested that we try to coordinate with the yearbook if at all possible. \$30 each, all in uniform with the white backdrop as the photography studio creates the scene.
- Volleyball-4
- Golf-?
- Cheer-5
- Football- 5 Tamarac, 5 HF
- Cross Country- 3 Tamarac, 1 HF
- Boy's Soccer- 5
- Girl's Soccer-3

Senior Nights

- Football and Cheer are homecoming weekend.
- Cross-country- October 1st (one at Tamarac and one at HF)
- Girl's Soccer- October 16th evening game
- Boy's Soccer- TBD
- Volleyball - TBD

Sponsorship Banner

- Last Call for the banner coming out soon
- \$4335 profit will be made as things stand today.
- A large amount of expenses come out right at the beginning of the year so this is hugely helpful.
- \$1489 in acct before banner

Website

- Credit Card processing
 - ◆ Initially, we were incurring the fees but are going to adjust things so that those who are making the purchases absorb those fees.
- Need to update the website with the correct dates for 24-25.
- New board names and a banner for the fundraiser along with names.
- A specific link can be made for fundraisers.
- Venmo?
 - ◆ Trying to get away from having team moms using it as it can be a liability on a personal level.
 - ◆ Michele would need to provide them with personal information as we are a 501c3 and that isn't something that we are comfortable with.

Open Positions

- Social Media Person
 - ◆ Responsible for posting to everything. Looking to link them together but we need to see if there is a fee involved in making this happen.
 - ◆ Can someone from outside of Tamarac do this job? Someone from college? Thrillshare, Hootsuite.
- President needed soon so that they can benefit from shadowing Michele this year.

Team Texting

- Team parents are assigned and will take care of group texting.
- All coaches will be required to use an app (info on the way) to communicate with students and parents. We are also trying to streamline a way for parent info to be shared with sports booster.

Mr. Minor's Report

- Lower numbers for girl's mod soccer
- Numbers have improved everywhere else.
- High numbers on VB, but we have two coaches so those teams will be managed more effectively this year.
 - ◆ Are two teams helpful/productive? Large mod numbers eventually have to go down to one program. Possible future discussion of this so that we can help support all programs staying active?
- Fall Team Parent Meeting after Sept. 9th meeting
- Meet the Coaches scheduled for 9.12
 - Should we call Meet the Coaches something else due to low attendance? "Fall Sports Kickoff?"

Treasurer's Report

The July bank statement was reconciled to the Booster Club ledger. As of July month-end, the Booster Club checking account had a total balance of \$41,862.80. There were four outstanding checks totaling \$15,402.60. The Booster Club General Fund had a balance of \$1,489.45 while the Individual Team Accounts had a balance of \$24,970.75.

The July Profit and Loss Statements will be sent to all the Varsity Coaches this week.

The following is a recap of all Individual Team Account balances as of July month-end.

Football	\$	600.21
Volleyball	\$	(18.11)
Girls Soccer	\$	139.68
Boys Soccer	\$	745.96
Cross Country	\$	837.25
Golf	\$	257.51
Wrestling	\$	1,085.88
Boys Basketball	\$	5,533.13
Girls Basketball	\$	5,634.84
Cheerleading	\$	1,672.07
Indoor Track	\$	210.53
Track & Field	\$	467.02
Baseball	\$	4,263.31
Softball	\$	785.96
Boys Lacrosse	\$	2,345.51
Girls Lacrosse	\$	410.00
TOTAL	\$	24,970.75

NOTES:

Heads of Hope's fundraiser for brain cancer was a huge success, with a net donation of \$11,656.40. Note: cc fees generated from HOH online registrations were decided to be a HOH expense, not Booster GF.

All Spring Banquets have been fully reconciled.

One Sponsor Banner payment of \$150 was income generated in July 2024 due to a credit card payment online made before the August books started.

Currently, there are no old outstanding checks.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

